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Congressman Dent votes for increased funding for low-income heating assistance

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) voted Thursday night to increase funding for low-income individuals who need assistance paying their heating bills.

Under the House-passed Deficit Reduction Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistant Program (LIHEAP) will receive a \$1 billion increase — 50 percent more than its 2005 level.

“As winter approaches, and as energy prices remain unsteady, we’re reminded not to leave anybody out in the cold this winter,” Congressman Dent said. “I have supported a number of measures to ultimately lower the cost of oil and natural gas. In the meantime, we must maintain a safety net right now for low-income Pennsylvanians.”

The federal program is administered at the state and county levels. Residents of the 15th District with questions about LIHEAP may call their county assistance office or the toll-free LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095 (individuals with hearing impairments may call the TDD number at 1-800-451-5886). More information on assistance is available online from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare at www.dpw.state.pa.us/LowInc/HeatAssistance.

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